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A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., April 10, 2012.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Guy E. Murray, Jr.; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Tharp opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 27, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Bedford Area Chamber League Group for doing cleanup and improvements recently at Liberty Lake Park as part of community service work. These groups have committed to continue to help out. Councilman Vest suggested that the Mayor write a letter of thanks to those groups. The Mayor asked the City Manager's office to prepare the letter.
- Stated the asphalt tank is still at the Grove Street site – it is very difficult to move – the City was able to negotiate a sale for \$1.00 to get it removed – the person who bought the tank is removing some of the tar so that it is not so top heavy when it is transported. The concrete piers have been removed and the fence has been put back – the City will be continuing cleanup on that site. The City Manager gave kudos to the staff who went the extra mile to get someone interested in removing the tank that could utilize it.
- April 13 is the first “Second Friday” of the year – there will be a lot of activity in the Centertown area involving musical activities, artistic offerings, etc.
- Electronics recycling is April 14 at the Farmer's Market
- Spring Cleanup Week is scheduled for April 16 – 20 for bulk pickup for residents
- The Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission (KBBC) Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21.

Councilman Vest thanked Bart Warner, Assistant City Manager, for his work to update and clean up information in the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the February financial reports. Councilman Vest said that information was received from the Governor earlier in the day regarding the VRS system and how that will have an impact.

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Mr. Warner stated that on March 13 the Planning Commission submitted a draft of the Comprehensive Plan and there were several items of concern that Councilman Vest met with him about. Mr. Warner said the information that is no longer germane has been removed and the draft before Council represents a very current representation of the City's position and requested Council's adoption of the Comprehensive Plan as presented.

On motion by Councilman Vest, seconded by Councilman Rush, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the ordinance amending the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote follows:

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| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Councilman Murray | aye |
| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | aye |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

The ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 12-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BEDFORD
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, Virginia (the "City") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia exercising public and essential governmental functions pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia requires that local governments adopt and update every five years a comprehensive plan in order to best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bedford adopted an updated version of the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan in 2002;

WHEREAS, the City's intent is for the City of Bedford Comprehensive Plan to be an accurate and current representation of the City's policy at any given time;

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford Planning Commission completed a revision of the Comprehensive Plan, conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed changes, and voted to recommend adoption of the Comprehensive Plan as amended at its regular meeting on February 2, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed changes at its regular meeting on February 28, 2012,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia that THE CITY OF BEDFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN be amended to include the changes recommended by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting on February 2, 2012.

Councilman Murray moved that the resolution regarding Older Americans' Month and the Elderfest Celebration be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the proposed resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH
AND ELDERFEST CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford recognizes and appreciates the vital role that our senior residents provide in our community; and

WHEREAS, communities such as Bedford desire to recognize their senior citizens by proclamation of the month of May as Older Americans' Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford plans to recognize and honor the importance of Older Americans' Month and our senior citizens with the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of Elderfest to be held on May 3 and 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Recreation Department will proudly host the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of Elderfest in honor of our senior citizens and in recognition of Older Americans' Month;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby resolves that the month of May 2012 be recognized as Older Americans' Month, and that the City supports the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of Elderfest to be held to honor and celebrate our senior citizens.

The motion was then voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Murray | aye |
| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | aye |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

Councilman Murray moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(3), of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for the acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position; and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Rush seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | aye |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Councilman Murray | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:12 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski, City Attorney Berry, and Assistant City Manager Warner.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Murray, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | aye |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Councilwoman Flood | aye |

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| Councilman Murray | aye |
| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.